[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* FLOODS IN TANJORE AND TRICHINOPOLY DISTRICTS.

Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai :—" Mr. President, Sir, I rise to ask for the leave of the House to make a motion for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely,

'*the damage caused to Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts by the recent rains and floods and the relief required in respect thereof*'."

* The hon. the President :—" I wish to know what the Government have to say on this matter."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I submit, Sir, that having regard to the full and exhaustive answer that my hon. Colleague, the Revenue Member, gave to the questions relating to the floods this morning and also the information that he gave by way of answers to the several supplementary questions that were put to him, there is no longer any urgency in regard to the matter.

" Another matter also I wish to mention to you, and that is this : As I understand, the Council sits only for this day and you have already fixed another adjournment motion to be discussed this afternoon from 4 o'clock. So, obviously this cannot be discussed to-day, and we do not sit to-morrow."

* The hon. the President :—" I do not think that any useful purpose will be served, in view of the several answers given by the Government and the report placed by the Government on the table of this House, by allowing this adjournment motion to be discussed at this stage. The subject matter of an adjournment motion under Rule 12 must be a definite matter of urgent public importance. It must also involve an administrative responsibility of the Government. A general discussion on the damage caused by the recent floods in the Trichinopoly and Tanjore districts and the relief measures both temporary and permanent required to alleviate the same, is not the sort of discussion contemplated by the rules regarding adjournment motions. The answers given to-day by the Government in reply to the questions of several hon. Members regarding the floods show the variety of suggestions that can be made for the relief of the flood-affected areas, and a discussion on this and various other suggestions that can be made, cannot be the proper subject-matter of a single adjournment motion. I hold therefore that the adjournment motion is not in order."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* REFUSAL OF RAW RICE AND BUTTER-MILK TO 'C' CLASS PRISONERS.

* Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" Mr. President, Sir, under Standing Order No. 20, I beg to ask for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely—

'*the refusal of the Jail authorities at Madras to give raw rice and butter-milk to C class prisoners, particularly to those convicted in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.*'

" I may only add, Sir, that this adjournment motion is a result of the interpellations answered on the floor of this House just now."